

REMARKS

Claim 3 has been amended to provide the full polymer name, rather than the acronym, for the polymeric matrix materials. The acronyms are commonly used in the industry to represent the listed polymers, and the majority of the acronyms are listed in allowed patent application US 09/445,844.

Claim 6 has been amended to change the percentages of monomers in the highly crosslinked spherical polymeric particles to match the percentages in Claim 1, from which claim 6 depends.

Claim 17 has been amended to include a hyphen and now recite "5-40% by weight"

It is believed that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

Claim Objections:


- A) Claim 3 is objected to as numerous acronyms are cited. Claim 3 has been amended to substitute full polymer names for the acronyms, to prevent confusion to their meaning.
- B) Claim 17 is objected to. Claim 17 has been amended to include a hyphen and now recite "5-40% by weight"

35 U.S.C. §112:

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 6 has been amended to limit the percentages of monomers in the highly crosslinked spherical polymeric particles to match the percentages in Claim 1, from which claim 6 depends.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that the reasons for rejection have been overcome, and the claims, as amended herein, should be allowable to the Applicant. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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